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Letter dated 30 June 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to request that, in accordance with its previous practice, the Security Council invite the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the meeting of the Security Council being held on Friday, 30 June 2006, regarding the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations

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Letter dated 26 June 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to Security Council resolution 1675 (2006) of 28 April 2006, as well as previous Security Council resolutions on Western Sahara.

In my report to the Security Council dated 19 April 2006 (S/2006/249, paras. 39 and 40), reference was made to certain factors that could constitute a powerful temptation to acquiesce in the continuation of the impasse about Western Sahara for several more years. The fear was expressed that in the circumstances many countries might find the status quo to be more tolerable than any of the possible solutions. Although I subscribed to my Personal Envoy's view that the Security Council could not afford to adopt such an attitude, resolution 1675 (2006) did not refer to my recommendations, except the one concerning the extension of the mandate of United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) for a further period of six months.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, but most of the members of the Council who made a statement after the vote expressed the hope that the next six months would be used to make progress beyond the current impasse, so that at the next mandate renewal in October the Council would not need to content itself again with a purely technical rollover.

I am aware that in April, the interval of time between the circulation of my report and the adoption of the resolution may have been too short for my warning about the danger of a prolongation of the impasse to take effect.

Nevertheless, I feel that all of us should do what we can to move the process forward. My Personal Envoy is making preparations for another visit to the region, during which he intends to explore how the parties and the neighbouring States could help make it possible for the Security Council to go beyond the extension of the mandate of MINURSO in its October resolution. I will be following his progress with keen attention, in order to see how we can avoid losing this opportunity.

I would also like to suggest that the members of the Security Council use the next four months to prepare for a more substantial resolution on the situation concerning Western Sahara.

I should be grateful if you could bring this information to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Letter dated 30 June 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 26 June 2006 (S/2006/466) concerning your suggestion that the members of the Security Council use the next four months to prepare for a more substantial resolution on the situation concerning Western Sahara has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the information contained in your letter and the suggestion expressed therein.

(*Signed*) Ellen Margrethe **Løj**
President of the Security Council

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Letter dated 28 June 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Paragraph 14 of Security Council resolution 1284 (1999) entrusts me with the responsibility of reporting every four months on compliance by Iraq with its obligations regarding the repatriation or return of all Kuwaiti and third-country nationals or their remains and every six months on the return of all Kuwaiti property, including archives, seized by Iraq.

In recent months the activities related to the return of all Kuwaiti and third-country nationals or their remains have slowed down. My report on the issue, presented by the High-level Coordinator to the Security Council in April 2006, referred to this fact.

In this connection, I should be grateful if the frequency of reports on the compliance by Iraq with its obligations regarding the repatriation or return of all Kuwaiti and third-country nationals or their remains could be reduced from every four months to every six months. In the opinion of the High-level Coordinator, which I support, the objective of this reporting will continue to be adequately served.

If the Security Council agrees, I will submit the next report on the issue in December 2006.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Letter dated 30 June 2006 from the President of the Security Council addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that your letter dated 28 June 2006 (S/2006/468) concerning your intention to reduce the frequency of reports on the compliance by Iraq with its obligations regarding the repatriation or return of all Kuwaiti and third-country nationals or their remains from every four months to every six months has been brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council. They take note of the information contained in your letter and the intention expressed therein.

(*Signed*) Ellen Margrethe **Løj**
President of the Security Council

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